

Act No. 104 (H.778). Agriculture; food safety; produce

An act relating to State enforcement of the federal Food Safety Modernization Act

This act gives authority to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (Agency) to enforce the requirements of the rules adopted under the federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) for the standards for growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of produce for human consumption. The Agency may inspect a produce farm for the purposes of ensuring compliance with FSMA rules or the rules adopted by the Agency. The Agency may collaborate with the Vermont Department of Health regarding application of the FSMA rules and may collaborate with other State agencies or entities to carry out inspections at or near the same time. An owner or operator of a produce farm shall maintain records required by FSMA, rules adopted under FSMA, or rules adopted by the Agency and shall make them available to the Agency upon request.

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